

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
August 4, 2004 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2004, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Jim Brett, DVM, President
Needham Bateman, DVM
Hugh Hill, DVM
Jan Hines, DVM
Eugene Maddox, DVM
Charles Lance

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Lea Williams, Board Secretary
Kathleen O'Neal, Legal Services Attorney
Dwight Cochran, DVM
Debbie Tillman, Vet Tech, UGA
Lynn Reece, Vet Tech, UGA

President Brett established that a quorum was present, and the **hearing** scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:30 a.m.

Rule 700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians: Written comments regarding the adoption of this rule were received from Dr. Lee Myers and were read into the record.

The **hearing** was **adjourned** at 9:33 a.m. and the **meeting** that was scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:35 a.m.

Rule 700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians: Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **adopt** the rule.

Minutes from the June 9, 2004 meeting: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Compliance Report on Darryl Mickle, DVM: The Board viewed the compliance report on Dr. Mickle as **informational**.

Ratify newly issued licenses: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following newly issued licenses.

License No.	Name	License Type
VETF000427	Mueller, Claudia	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000428	Hart, Kelsey Alison	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000429	Groth, Anna Margherita	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000430	Blasier, Megan Webber	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000431	LeVine, Dana Nicole	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000432	Mauck, Sara Lynn	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000433	Basseches, Jessica	Veterinary Faculty

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VETF000434	Kozminski, Laura Marian	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000435	Kice, Nathan Christopher	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000436	Vanderhart, Daniel Jon	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000437	Gorgi, Alireza A.	Veterinary Faculty
VET007132	Katz, Yevgenia Brodetsky	Veterinarian
VET007133	Jackson, Daven Nicole	Veterinarian
VET007134	Axam, Tasha Machel	Veterinarian
VET007135	Adams, Lauren Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET007136	McCraney, Lindsey Hughes	Veterinarian
VET007137	Toomey, James Stuart	Veterinarian
VET007138	Avgeris, Sophia E.	Veterinarian
VET007139	Dodson, Vanessa Clare	Veterinarian
VET007140	Asantewaa, Adiagha Ife-Eshe	Veterinarian
VET007141	Branch, William Joshua	Veterinarian
VET007142	Laskowski, Beth Ann	Veterinarian
VET007143	Sims, Marclyn Samella	Veterinarian
VET007144	Jacobs, Sabrina Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007145	Jones, Kathy Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET007146	Logan, Michele Marie	Veterinarian
VET007147	Mansell, Cheryl Montine	Veterinarian
VET007148	Goldsboro, Heather Nichole	Veterinarian
VET007149	Smith, Julie Dianne	Veterinarian
VET007150	Love, Lydia Catherine	Veterinarian
VET007151	Edwards, Stephanie Caroline	Veterinarian
VET007152	Soosaar, Michal Alison	Veterinarian
VET007153	Moore, James F., IV	Veterinarian
VET007154	Moeller, Erik Michael	Veterinarian
VET007155	Reese, David Joseph	Veterinarian
VET007156	Spearman, Lori Anne	Veterinarian
VET007157	Daniel, Robert McKenzie	Veterinarian
VET007158	Watts, Kim J	Veterinarian
VET007159	Gluckman, Tracy Lee	Veterinarian
VET007160	Racelis, Robert L.	Veterinarian
VET007161	Nepp, Daniel Paul	Veterinarian
VET007162	Henrikson, Sarah Lynne	Veterinarian
VET007163	Harris, Ashley Dawn	Veterinarian
VET007164	Berryessa, Nicolas Anderson	Veterinarian
VET007165	McNair, LaShonn Lynette	Veterinarian

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VET007166	Cohn, Seth Jay	Veterinarian
VET007167	Krell, Kelly Jennifer	Veterinarian
VET007168	McDearmon, Melissa Summer	Veterinarian
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VET007170	Nix, Elizabeth Ann	Veterinarian
VET007171	Campadonico, Kara Poucher	Veterinarian
VET007172	Sanders, Kevin Lamont	Veterinarian
VET007173	Altman, Ronald Evan	Veterinarian
VET007174	Stanley, Samuel Oakley	Veterinarian
VET007175	Williams, Tracy Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007176	Hubbard, Tomeshia Lynette	Veterinarian
VET007177	Tolbert, Michael Brandt	Veterinarian
VET007178	Lowe, Kevin M.	Veterinarian
VET007179	Szabo, Stephanie Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007180	Sturtz, Robin Ellen	Veterinarian
VET007181	Barrett, Janine Antonia	Veterinarian

2005 Draft Meeting Schedule: Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the 2005 schedule.

Correspondence from Sherry Weaver, DVM regarding rabies vaccine administration: The Board requested that a response be sent to Dr. Weaver that the administration of rabies vaccine **must be in compliance with §43-50-3(11)(G).**

Correspondence from Board Attorney regarding proposed Rule 700-6-.01: The Board voted to **adopt** the rule.

Rule 700-14 Scope of Practice for Registered Veterinary Technicians: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule.

Chapter 700-14

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

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700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.

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(2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under immediate supervision:

- (a) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of the tooth or the resectioning of bone;
- (b) Surgical assistance.

700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.

(1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under direct supervision:

(a) Euthanasia:

(b) Blood or blood component collection, preparation and administration;

(c) Application of splints and slings;

(d) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth.

(e) Induction and maintenance of anesthesia.

(f) Assisting any duly licensed practitioner in the measuring of quantities of medication and the typing of labels therefore, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs provided that no prescription shall be given to the person requesting the same unless the contents and the label thereof shall have been verified by a licensed practitioner.

700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law, (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;

(b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;

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(c) Intravenous catheterizations;

(d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;

(e) collection of blood; collection of urine by expression; cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations;

(f) Routine laboratory test procedures;

(g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-14-.04 Emergency Treatment.

(1) Under conditions of an emergency, a registered veterinary technician may render the following life-saving aid and treatment:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

(b) Administration of pharmacological agents and parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;

(c) Resuscitative procedures;

(d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;

(e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;

(f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

700-14-.05 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit a registered veterinary technician to do the following:

(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;

(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;

(c) Perform surgery; or

(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to any official vaccinate .

Correspondence regarding continuing education requirements for licensed veterinarians on Active Duty in the military: The Board requested that a response be sent that the Board would consider a waiver of 700-7-.03 that restricts the number of hours of continuing education to be obtained via the internet which would provide the ability to obtain all continuing education via the internet during a period of deployment.

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Rule 700-13 Veterinary Specialist: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Maddox seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule, with Dr. Hines **opposing** to the vote to post.

Chapter 700-13 is a new Chapter with Rule 700-13-.01 that reads as follows:

700-13-.01 Veterinary Specialist

(1) For purposes of this rule "Veterinary Specialist" is defined as a veterinarian who has completed the requirements to become a Diplomate within an American Veterinary Medical (AVMA) recognized veterinary specialty organization or as recognized by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), or other Board-approved organizations, or has obtained an advanced degree (MS or PhD) in a specific area or discipline in veterinary medicine.

(2) For purposes of this rule, it shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a veterinarian to identify himself/herself as a member of an AVMA-recognized specialty organization or as recognized by the ABVS, if such certification has not been awarded. Veterinarians should in no way imply specialty unless they are certified by an AVMA-recognized specialty organization or as recognized by the ABVS, or other Board-approved organizations, or have obtained an advanced degree (MS or PhD) in a specific area or discipline in veterinary medicine.

(3) The use of the terms "board eligible" or "board qualified" shall be used only by practitioners with certification from an AVMA-recognized specialty organization or as recognized by the ABVS or other Board-approved organizations.

(4) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to prohibit the performance of specialty functions by a veterinarian who has not completed the educational requirements stated in these specialty practice guidelines, provided that the veterinarian does not represent himself or herself as a specialist in the particular area of veterinary medicine.

(5) Veterinarians who possess a faculty license issued by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine are exempt from this rule.

Rule 700-16 Supervision Responsibilities of Non-Registered Personnel: Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule.

Chapter 700-16 is a new Chapter that reads as follows:

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SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES OF NON-REGISTERED PERSONNEL.

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700-16-.01 Immediate Supervision.

(1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under immediate supervision:

1. Radiology assistance; and

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2. Surgical assistance.

700-16-.02 Direct Supervision.

(1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under direct supervision:

1. Dental procedures limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;

2. Intravenous catheterizations; and

3. Collection of blood; collection of feces; collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations.

700-16-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by non-registered personnel is under indirect supervision:

1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law, (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;

2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) skin treatment;

3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-16-.04 Emergency Treatment.

(1) Under conditions of an emergency, non-registered personnel may render the following life-saving aid and treatment after identifying himself/herself as non-registered personnel:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

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(b) Administration of parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;

(c) Resuscitative procedures;

(d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues; and

(e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;

(f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

700-16-.05 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit non-registered personnel to do the following:

(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;

(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;

(c) Perform surgery.

(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to an official vaccinate.

(e) Identify himself/herself as a Registered Veterinarian Technician.

Correspondence from AAVSB regarding establishment of a single pathway to evaluate education equivalence: The information was viewed as informational.

Correspondence from David White, DVM regarding faculty application: The Board requested that a response be sent to Dr. White that he must meet the conditions of §43-50-43 and Board Rule 700-5-.01 in order to qualify for a faculty license.

Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Hines, Dr. Bateman, Dr. Brett and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Consider a request submitted by the employer of applicant G.G.: The Board considered the request submitted by the employer and requested that a response be sent that the matter will be considered upon receipt of an application by the Board.

Application for M.A.N.: Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the application.

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Reports:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director:

- Pursuant to a request from the complainant on case VET030001 – the case is **being considered**
- Dr. Brett is interested in reviewing the NAVLE during the November-December test window.
- Pursuant to a request from the Enforcement Section, the Executive Director will begin developing a veterinary facility checklist that can be used by Enforcement Agents when conducting facility investigations.
- Information from the Georgia Rehabilitation of Wildlife Center-First Annual Walk for Wildlife was shared and viewed as informational.
- Question received from Ashley Sandvick regarding frequency of vaccines was discussed and was viewed as informational.
- Information regarding a Power Point presentation regarding the AVMA accreditation process will be presented at the October meeting.
- Dr. Hill has been approved to attend the AAVSB meeting.
- The Board requested that information clarifying rabies vaccine laws be added to the newsletter, sent to GVMA for publication in *The Georgia Veterinarian*, and submitted to the Department of Agriculture for printing in the *Market Bulletin*.
- The Board clarified issues with Vet Tech applicants applying on the basis of experience as follows:
 - Applicants for Veterinary Technician registration who are applying on the basis of the job experience allowed by OCGA 43-50-52(b) must submit the complete application/re-examination application not later than June 30, 2005. After the last examination date in January 2006, there will be no further exam attempts allowed for those applying on the basis of on-the-job experience.

Jim Brett, Cognizant Report: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant Board member.

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
VET040051 – Closed	Tabled until October
VET040052	Close
VET040054	Tabled
VET040064	Close
VET040065	Close
VET040067	Close With Letter of Concern
VET040071	Close

Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Report: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendation regarding cases reported on from the Enforcement section.

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Barbara Gleitsman	Accept Cease & Desist
VET040060	Close with Letter of Concern
George Gibson	Accept Cease & Desist

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VET040043	Issue Summary Suspension
VET040050	Close
VET040033	Close with Letter of Concern

Other Business:

- The Board requested that Dr. Lee Myers be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Department of Agriculture investigations involving veterinarians being referred to the Board for review.
- The Board reviewed AAVSB by-laws and voted to not support the section changing the VET Tech exam/VTTC section. All other sections were approved by the Board

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2004 at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Lea F. Williams, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director